

House Bill 313 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Dickey of the 140th, Nimmer of the 178th, Coomer of the 14th, Mayo of the 84th, and Howard of the 124th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to leaves of absence for certain public employees, so as to authorize the application
3 for limited paid leave for the purpose of promoting education in this state; to provide for
4 related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 20 of Title 45 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 leaves of absence for certain public employees, is amended by adding a new Code section
9 to read as follows:

10 "45-20-32.

11 Each full-time, nontemporary employee of the State of Georgia or of any branch,
12 department, board, bureau, or commission thereof shall be entitled to apply for up to eight
13 hours of paid leave per calendar year for the purpose of promoting education in this state.
14 The State Personnel Board shall submit to the Governor for approval rules and regulations
15 which shall effectuate the purpose and govern the administration of this Code section.
16 Such rules and regulations shall require that paid leave only be authorized for activities
17 directly related to student achievement and academic support and shall prohibit the use of
18 such leave for political purposes or agendas."

19 **SECTION 2.**

20 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.